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SUBJECT:PANAMA CANAL DRAFT LIMITATIONS

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- 1. DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED FROM PANAMA CANAL COMPANY THAT CURRENT DRAFT LIMITATION THROUGH 31 JANUARY 1977 IS 39.5 FEET (12.04 METERS) (TROPICAL FRESH WATER). EFFECTIVE 1 FEBRUARY 1977 THE DRAFT LIMIT WILL BECOME 39.0 FEET (11.89 METERS) (TROPICAL FRESH WATER) FOR ALL VESSELS.
- 2. DRAFT LIMITATION REDUCED DUE TO LACK OF RAINFALL WHICH SUPPLIES INTERIOR LAKE GATUN. FURTHER REDUCTIONS ARE POSSIBLE THROUGH END OF DRY SEASON IN APRIL 1977.
- 3. FYI ONLY. PANAMA CANAL COMPANY WILL BE ANNOUNCING WITHIN NEXT DAY OR TWO A REDUCTION TO 38.5 FEET (11.73 UNCLASSIFIED

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METERS) (TROPICAL FRESH WATER) TO BECOME EFFECTIVE ON 15 FEBRUARY 1977. PANAMA CANAL COMPANY WARNS THAT A FURTHER REDUCTION TO 38.0 FEET (11.58 METERS) (TROPICAL FRESH WATER) TO BECOME EFFECTIVE ON OR ABOUT 6 MARCH 1977 IS ANTICIPATED. PANAMAL CANAL COMPANY WILL CONFIRM POSSIBLE FUTURE REDUCTIONS THREE WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF EFFECTIVE DATE. END FYI ONLY.

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